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Conduct of the elections to the Madras Medical Council in 1946.

* 118 *Q.*—Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO (on behalf of Dr. P. S. Srinivasan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Legal Department of the Government recommended to the Health Department after that department received the confidential report of the Special Officer on the enquiry held by him regarding the Madras Medical Council Elections, 1946, that the abuse and neglect in the arrangements for the elections and the conduct of the elections should be laid at the door of the President and the Registrar of the Medical Council and not at the door of the Council as such ; and

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, the reasons why the Government attributed the abuse and neglect to the Madras Medical Council for their taking action under section 22 of the Madras Medical Registration Act?

Duties of the President, Madras Medical Council in connection with the elections to that Council.

* 119 *Q.*—Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO (on behalf of Dr. P. S. Srinivasan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether, apart from the publication of the precept and the publication of the results of the elections to the Madras Medical Council, 1946, the President of the Medical Council has any other duty to perform in the election under the Medical Registration Act or the rules framed thereunder ; and

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the negative, why the Returning Officer who held the 1946 elections to the Madras Medical Council was not made a respondent in the enquiry by the Special Officer?

Alleged second enquiry into the alleged irregularities in the Madras Medical Council Elections, 1946.

* 120 *Q.*—Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO (on behalf of Dr. P. S. Srinivasan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Special Officer appointed by the Government to enquire into the alleged irregularities in the Madras Medical Council Elections held in 1946 had all the materials necessary for conducting the enquiry apart from the stories of the defeated candidates such as documents in regard to the elections ;

(*b*) if the President of the Madras Medical Council refused to take notice of the enquiry, why suitable action was not taken then and there against him to enable the Special Officer to have all the necessary materials ;

(*c*) whether it is true that the ballot-box was forcibly taken from the office of the Medical Council to the Government Secretariat in May 1947 ;

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(*d*) if so, under whose instructions;

(*e*) whether it is a fact that, when the ballot-box was delivered at the Secretariat, the Assistant Secretary, Public Health Department, certified that the seals of the Medical Council were intact on the slit of the box;

(*f*) whether the box was lying for a period of over two years in a verandah of the office of the Joint Secretary, Public Health Department;

(*g*) whether the seals were intact when the Special Officer examined the box;

(*h*) whether it is a fact that the Surgeon-General was vested with the powers of the Madras Medical Council and was asked to hold another enquiry into the same matter; and

(*i*) whether the Surgeon-General was ordered by a letter to invalidate the elections, even before the summons were sent to the successful candidates to appear before him?

Appointment of the Registrar, Madras Medical Council.

* 121 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO (on behalf of Dr. P. S. Srinivasan): Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Madras Medical Council with Dr. V. Rama Kamath, its President and six other members whose elections were made void by the Surgeon-General, took part in the appointment of four successive Registrars of the Council from the year 1946 to 1950; and

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Registrar, Medical Council, is empowered by the Madras Medical Council Registration Act to compile and publish the Medical Register which is the electoral roll for the Medical Council elections?

THE HON. SRI C. PERUMALSAMI REDDI:—"As all these six questions relate to the same subject, namely, the setting aside of the elections to the Madras Medical Council held in 1946, a statement [a] narrating the circumstances that led up to the above decision, is placed on the table of the House.

"The details furnished cover the issues raised in these questions generally and as the High Court has finally pronounced on the matter, the Government consider that no public interest will be served by probing into the matter further."

Collection of money from pharmacists under the Pharmacy Act, 1948.

* 122 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO (on behalf of Dr. P. S. Srinivasan): Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a large sum of money has been collected from the pharmacists of this Province, for entry in the first register under the Pharmacy Act of 1948;

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[a] Printed as Appendix VI on pages 306-307 infra.